TALMAGE **SERMON**

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Chicago, Sept. 7 .- By a vivid, startling parallel Rev. Frank De Witt Talmage portrays the evil of sin and its remedy. His text is II Kings, v. 1, "But he was a leper."

The best blood in all Europe flows beaten and flung under the iron heel of oppression in order that the gilt aristocratic family, may have a soft doomed by leprous sin. couch upon which to sleep and a clean | But though from our standpoint lepofficer during dress parade. Every civilian is at the beck and call of the military-from the innkeeper's daughter, flirting with the sergeant or the young corporal, up to the princess smiling at the favorite staff officer of her father, the king. The German shopkeeper will turn his back upon sword is heard and the glitter of the shoulder strap is seen in the doorway. On account of this foolish adoration by a cringing populace the foreign officer or private soldier has grown arrogant and conceited and snobbish and supercilious and petulant and spoiled.

The Syrian nation was a military nation, with all that the word implies, and Captain Naaman was the commander in chief of all its armies, the headquarters of which were to be found in the Damascus capital. But Naaman wielded a higher influence han that which belongs even to the greatest soldier of a military kingdom. The phrase used by the inspired historian, "a great man with his master, and honorable," implies that he held a position more powerful in the kingflom than the head of the privy council, the prime minister or the secretary of He occupied practically the same posiwho says it, and it shall be done." And away." when the great French statesman would thus speak the frightened king

dared not answer a word. The Symbol of Sin. fame and power in the Syrian nation; after I have figuratively piled stone upon stone and height upon height and mountain upon mountain in setting forth this pyramid of human greatness, the whole structure tumbles into rulps when I speak the words of my text. I bring the mightiest human influence of the east down to the lowest depths of earthly misery. I bring Nasman down from his high pedestal until even the poor beggar in the street might have cause to pity him. I bring him down until not one physically well man in all the world, no matter how low he might be in the social scale, would exchange places with him. Naaman was a prince. Naaman was a mighty military potentate, a statesman, a ruler. He was practically greater than a king, "but he was a leper."

The disease of leprosy has often been Biblically used as the symbol of sin. It is a most impressing and appalling symbol. We in America cannot realize all that is implied by comparing any man's spiritual condition to this horrible disease. In the far east I have seen with loathing some of the awful rayages of this disease. I would describe in symbol some of the horrors of sin by telling what my own eyes have seen and what my own ears have heard among those poor creatures physically

Leprosy, humanly speaking, is an incurable disease. Scientists ever since history began have been studying the onward march of this fatal destroyer. Although most prevalent in the east it is confined to no climate and is pecullar to no age, race or condition, Nearly 2,000 years before Christ was born in Bethlehem we read that Miriam, who led the Hebrew maidens in the triumphant dance when Pharaoh's host was submerged in the Red sea, was afflicted with leprosy because she became sinfully jealous. Miriam was jenlous because her brother Moses. eighty years of age, fell in love and wanted to take a wife. Clear back in 1516 Holbein, the artist, painted a picture of Elizabeth distributing bread to the unclean lepers of Augsburg. Lepers among the leebergs of the north, lepers basking in the torrid heats about the equator, lepers in Europe, lepers in Asia, lepers in Africa, lepers in America, lepers in the islands of the seas! But, though leprosy has been found by the scientists everywhere, yet one fact is universally recognized about the disease—it is incurable. A man who has

the leprous poison in his system has grow worse and worse until he comes to the grave. It is as incurable as that loathsome corruption. disease which we call cancer and When General Grant was suffering from an affection of the throat cer. But, to be upon the safe side in their diagnosis, they took to a special-

tional influence. We will not tell you his name, as it might bias your judgcrescence under the microscope. After miles from the point where the first carefully examining it he said: "It is case of Canadian leprosy was discovcome from?" "General U. S. Grant's," was the answer. "Then," said the great bacteriologist, "General Grant is doomed. He must die."

The Soul's Affletion.

How terrible are these diseases that | lation. physicians confess themselves unable to cure! How startling, then, is the divine statement that the soul may be afflicted with such a disease similarly beyond human medicament. leprosy. Sin is the cancer of the soul gnawing at its vitals. Sin is the forerunner of eternal death. There are men today within the sound of my into the army. The keenest of brains voice who in their own strength have are covered by the soldier's cap. The been fighting sin for the last twenty peasantry are overtaxed and brow- or thirty years. But as you grow weaker the power of your sin is growing stronger. God have pity upon you, laced officer, who is the scion of an for you are a doomed leper. You are

limbed thoroughbred upon which to rosy is incurable, yet the leprous scales cavort while he salutes the reviewing were cleansed by a divine power. Therefore it is to Christ and to Christ alone that we must look for the cure of sin. The moral leper may go with confidence to Christ, who cured the physical lepers by a word. When the ten lepers came to the Saviour pleading for help, Christ turned and said: "Go show yourselves unto the priests. you in an instant if the clank of the And it came to pass as they went they were cleansed." Naaman, the great captain, was helpless in the hands of his human physicians. On account of his wealth and fame Naaman-like General Grant afflicted with cancermust have had the best doctors the royal court of Damascus could summon; but when Naaman, obedient to the divine command through Elisha, went and dipped seven times in the river Jordan his flesh became like the flesh of a little child. O my brother and sister, you who are cursed with leprous sin, will you not come to the divine fountain? Will you not bathe in Christ's blood? Will you not today by the Calvary cross seek supernatural medicament?

Leprosy may take a very long time in which to fatally develop, although such is not always the way the disease progresses. Sometimes the scourge state or secretary of the treasury, and in a few months may change a beautihe may have held, through the prestige ful body into a hideous corpse, but the of his military successes, some or all quick result is the exception and not of these offices in his own person, as the rule. At this first touch of lepgreat pashas often do in oriental lands. rosy usually there may only be a hardness, or rather a numbness, of the tion in the Damascus capital that the skin in a spot about the size of a ten Duke of Wellington occupied after the cent piece. The skin at that one place battle of Waterloo. The Duke of Wel- merely turns as white as snow. If lington, by the overthrow of the Na- you know nothing about the disease, poleonic dynasty, not only became the you may not worry about it. You prime minister of England, but for may, for a long time, be indifferent to awhile the most influential statesman the numbness. Then, some day when in all Europe. Naaman had in Damas- you are in a physician's office seeking cus an influence similar to that of Ju- advice for some other cause, you may lius Casar when he returned to Rome turn to the doctor and say: "By the from his foreign victories or which Na- way, doctor, I have a very peculiar poleon held in the French nation when something the matter with my band he was first consul as well as the com- It does not hurt me, but it is numb in mander of the French legions. Naa- one place." Then the physician with man was as mighty in influence as was a grave face will look at your hand. the French cardinal who used to over- Then he will take a pin out of the awe his king in the council chamber, lapel of his coat and prick that spot. when he would stamp up and down Then he will turn and say: "You are a the room, crying: "It shall be done! I | leper! You are already doomed, al say it shall be done! I am Richelieu though death may be many years

The Fatal White Mark.

When going through one of the leper hospitals of Calcutta, I saw standing in one of the wards a beautiful flaxen But after I have shown you Nanman's | haired baby boy. He was only about six or seven years of age. He was one of the healthlest looking and prettiest children I ever saw. He was the son of an English soldier. He was such a lovely boy, and while his great bly eyes were looking at me he was standing there with his thumb in his mouth sucking it as some of us perhaps have sucked our thumbs when we were children. I turned and said to the lovely boy, "Why are you here?" "Got the disease," he answered. "Where?" said I as the great tears began to rain down my cheeks. The lad raised one of his pretty bare legs. Then, pointing to the ball of his foot, he said, "There it is." As I looked I could hardly keep back my sobs. I saw in the ball of his foot the fatal white mark. It was like a beautiful snowtlake. The child was doomed He was a leper!

But, though leprosy may come in a seemingly harmless way, the disease for four, five, ten, even fifteen years will keep on steadily spreading. It will gars' gutter. For many years the world spread until the fingers fall off from the hands and the toes from the feet. It will thrive only in the pestilential alleys and keep on spreading until the skin bloats filthy dens of the east. That suppostand cracks and the hair falls out. So harmless way, will keep on spreading until it makes the face hideous, the body deformed. It may keep on spreading for years until at last the fatal leprous sin will destroy the body as well as the soul.

It is related that a young English artist, desiring to paint the figure of of a lovely little child. The eyes, the the most beautiful he eversa w. All England came to admire the picture. Many years afterward, when the artist had attained to great fame, he decided to paint a companion picture to the one he had painted in his youth. He wanted

to call the companion picture "Deprayity. London slums until at last he found a take off his kid glove, and he was hideous looking mortal, a man who found to be a leper. seemed to be a monster without a soul, After the artist had used this hideou model and finished his companion picture he found, to his astonishment, that the two models were the same. fluent and the honored. It is easy The model of "Depravity" was the enough to persuade the poor outcast, once beautiful child, who had become despised for her sins by the whole depraved by the fatal disease of lep- human race, that she needs Christ. It rous sin, which had wrought the hor- is easy enough to persuade the peor rible transformation in face and fig- drunkard, writhing in the fatal clasp ure, in body and soul. So, my broth- of delirium, that he needs supernatural er, though this disease of leprous sin aid; but, oh, it is hard to persuade the may take many years to develop, yet rich man, the honored, the respectable no hope from medicine. He must it will surely permeate the mind and man, to feel that the leprous germs of soul until both perish in horrible and sin may be imbedded in his own flesh.

which is only a little less fatal in its is infectious as the scarlet fever germ all that is vital for time and eternity. hideous and repulsive results than lep- is infectious. It is spread throughout a They are blinded to their sins and community only by the leprous germ scoff at the warning that their own of one physical body being brought in- fate may yet be that of the multitudes the family physicians feared a can to contact with another physical body who, in the palaces of the rich and the when the latter is in a condition favor- great, have perished from the same inable for the development of that lep- difference. ist a small part of the excrescence rous germ. Thus in the lazar house from the throat. "Now," the doctors established in New Brunswick, Can- tude of the people of London during

hospital had contracted the disease of years in the employ of the Hawailan government, gave as his testimony that it is utterly useless to fight the leprous disease in any other way than by iso-

The Terrors of Leprosy. To isolate the lepers of the Hawalian very shadow of these horrors.

Islands, Molokai, the leper reservation But, though the leprosy of for the Islands of the Pacific, was established. In the Holy Land the Jews and gentiles alike drive their own leprous kith and kin from their sides into solation. They exclude them from the cities and the towns. As you travel through the east those lepers, some with their arms and teeth gone, some the mountain side and in hoarse, piping voices beg for food and money. It seems to be a very heartless method thus to isolate the lepers, but the orientals say, "Better that a few men and women starve and die, better that a civilization, than that a whole commu-

nity sicken and be destroyed." The poet has well described the isolation of the infectious lepers in the east lest the rest of the community might be stricken:

"Room for the leper, room," and as he The cry passed on, "Room for the leper, And he went forth alone, not one of all

Was woven in the fibers of his heart to

come and speak Comfort unto him. Yea, he went forth Sick and heartbroken and alone to die, For God had cursed the leper.

As the disease of leprosy is fatally infectious, so are the leprous germs of sin. The evil which is within us is very apt to become the evil which shall dwell within others. The wrongs home we do against our own selves are truly apt to become the sins which

The Infection of Sin.

little child. many years ago. He was bending over the bleeding body of his only son, who had just been brought home in a dying condition from a drunken carousal. "Oh, my child!" he cried. "Why did you do this? Why have you broken your mother's and father's hearts?" The dying boy cruelly looked up into that I also can be cleansed of my own the face of his weeping parent and sins by your side and have my flesh answered: "Why, father, what are you and yours, like Naaman's, become as crying for? I am dying as the result of your sins as well as mine. You first taught me to drink at your own table. You are as much to blame as I." Yes, the infectious results of our own leprous sins are evidenced in the temporal and eternal destruction of those who ought to be nearest and dearest to our

palace and in the hovel; at the king's Statesman. banquet table, as well as in the begsupposed that leprosy was able to tion was totally wrong. Leprosy may leprous sin, coming in a seemingly originally start among the low social outcasts, but the leprous germs can

live and thrive under the dazzling lights of a brilliant ballroom as well as in the stifling air of the dark hovel ger who had drifted in. of a criminals' retreat, By handling the coin which is publicly used in India a traveler may become infected with lep-"Innocence," used as a model the face rosy, some leper having handled the same coin. By simply touching a rock lips and the smile of his model were at the foot of which a leprous beggar had crouched a prince, arrayed in all the brilliant robes of royalty, may be-

A few years ago the most influential man of the king's court in the Sand- Tribuze. wich Islands was supposed to be an eccentric individual because he always wore a glove upon his left hand, but He wandered up and down the one day that courtier was compelled to

The Indifference of the Rich The last people on earth to believe that they can be destroyed by the leprous germs of sin are the rich, the af-

Affluence and worldly honor some-Leprosy is an infectious disease. It times seem to make men indifferent to

Reckless and indifferent was the attiaid to that specialis, "this excress ada, in 1865, it was found by investi- the great plague about two centuries Only 25c at O Sullivan & Young's.

cence is from a man of very great na- gation that every one of the ninety ago. Ainsworth, the historian, tells us patients confined within that leprous that during those harrowing and grewsome months the London stores were ment." The specialist placed the ex- leprosy within a radius of seventy nearly all closed. The doors of the private homes were nearly all barred and bolted save when they were opened at a fatal cancer. Who's throat did it ered. Convinced of its infectious char- the approach of the bell ringer who acter, Dr. Emerson, who was for many was seated upon a pile of stenchful corpses because he was out driving the dead cart and collecting the different bodies of the dead. Yet at that time in London there were men and women who whistled and laughed and danced and sang and blasphemed under the

But, though the leprosy of the soul like the leprosy of the flesh, be a disease beyond the reach of the human soul, I would again draw your attention to the fact that it yields to the touch of the Divine Physician, as the affliction of Naaman yielded at the Jordan waters. And there are especially two or three incidents about the physon crutches, some sightless, some with ical cure of Naaman with which I cracked and bleeding lips, come down | would drive this truth home and lead you to the fountain of life. The first was that he was induced to travel from Damascus to the home of the Prophet Elisha through the influence of a little captive Jewish maiden who was a slave of Naaman's wife. I can few infectious lepers be exiled from imagine the little Jewish slave lying awake upon her humble couch as night after night she hears the great Syrian general tramping up and down in his palace rooms. She hears him groan when he is awake. She hears him moan in his sleep because he is a hopeless leper. She hears him toss restlessly about upon his bed. She hears him the more readily because she is sleeping in a nearby room, at the foot of Naaman's wife's bed, or in an adjacent room to her mistress. Then she hears the general and his wife talking of the cause of Naaman's trouble. So one day she timidly pulls at her mistress' skirts and says: "Mistress, why do you not have master seek the prophet of Israel? He would cure him of his leprosy!" Then the horses were hitched to the charlots. Then the journey was taken to the faroff prophet's

The Christian's Duty. Here, my brother, is the Christian's others shall do unto themselves also, duty. The humblest child of God can and as this infection implies that to perform it. The service rendered to the scatter the germs of sin we must come great general by this captive child you in contact with others is it not a star- can render to the moral lepers around tling reflection that the people whom you. I am doing no more than this we are most liable to destroy by our from this pulpit. I am telling you sins are those who may be nearest and where there is a cure for this fatal disdearest to us? It will be the mother, ease. However great you may be, if herself stricken with the leprosy of you have in your nature the germ of sin, who will destroy her own daugh- sin, I say, as did the Hebrew maid ter; the father his own son, the broth- "Would God you would go to Jesus, for er his own brother, the wife her sis- he would restore you." I cry to you Kindred ties and companionship as did that humble preacher who, one will only serve to facilitate the trans- stormy day, started Charles H. Spurmission of the deadly infection. There- geon upon his glorious work when he fore should we not feel as did Robert cried: "Young man, afflicted with E. Lee when he was one winter morn- doubts and troubles, look to Jesus! ing walking over the snows of Arling- Look! Look!" Will you bathe in ton? As he looked back he saw his Christ's blood. Will you bathe now? ten-year-old boy trying to stretch his Will you go to Christ and be spiritually legs to step in his father's tracks. cured? The second fact about the cure Then said the greatest man the south of the leper Naaman with which I has produced for many a year, "If my would impress you was that Elisha, the boy is going to try to walk in the path prophet, told him to go and bathe in I am walking in, I must be very care- the river Jordan. He did not tell Naaful that I always walk in the path of man to go and bathe in a pool. He did purity and truth and honor and right" not tell him to wash out of a small If our dear ones, those closest to us in basin. Elisha told Naaman to go and life, are those most in danger of infec- dip in the Jordan. There he would have tion from our spiritual leprosy, there plenty of room. That river was so is another reason why, for their sakes wide and deep that Naaman could if not for our own, we should seek the | wade into it up to his thighs, his shouldivine germicide, to have the cleansing ders, his chin. He could dip into it which Nasman, the leper, received again and again and again. So today, when, at God's command, he dipped as with Nasman, I would bid you who seven times in the river Jordan and are covered with the scales of leprosy his fiesh became like unto that of a to wade down into the river of life. I would bid you to dip into that river which flows from out of the throne of May none of us ever experience the the Lamb because it is a wide river. remorse a broken hearted father felt. It is a river so wide and deep that all of us can enter it at once side by side and there will yet be enough water to cleanse us al! from our sins. I would have you wade today into the river of life because I want to take your hand in mine, and, as your pastor and friend I want to enter this Saviour's river so

> you to the river of eternal cleansing? [Copyright, 1902, Louis Klopsch, N. Y.] Bacon-That fellow's mother says

pure as a little child's. My dear friends.

that when he was a baby he was always putting his toe in his mouth.

The Pattence of Angels. Senator's Daughter-I've prayed and prayed, papa, but things only seem to years of age. Then there is Austra Chan grow worse with me! Senator Copperas-Have patience my child-just look at the chaplain of

the house and senate! - Puck.

It All Depends. "How's business?" asked the stran-The shopkeeper eyed him suspiciously for a moment before replying. "Do you want to buy or sell?" he

inquired at last.-Chicago Post. Struck a New Note. Tommy-Uncle Henry's got the rheumatism in a new spot this morning. Dicky-How do you know? Tommy-His swearin' is different

from what it generally is .- Chicago

CAUGHT A 16 POUND PICKEREL E. J. Ludwig of St. Luke's hospital, New York, who is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lord at their cottage at Queen City Park, is probably the most successful fisherman there this season. His last catch, a pickerel weighing 16½ pounds and measuring three distributions of Lord for the later four inches, is the largest fish caught there this season and it is likely to stand on record for some time to come. It was very interesting to watch the struggle between the fish and its captor. The latter, realizing that it would be difficult to land his catch into the boat, made for the shore. realizing that it would be difficult to land derry, only succeeded in bringing about his catch into the boat, made for the shore a state of chaos which he is now very glad and pulled the fish clear out of water. There the fun begun. The fish flapped ernment. With the advent of young Mr. and jumping high, broke the hooks at the Chamberlain there is much hope of an insame time, giving its enemy no change to take a good hold on it—each successive jump of the fish bringing it nearer and nearer the water, and for a time it seemed as though the fish would escape, but at this critical means. It is seemed as though the fish would escape, but at my age was? this critical moment Mr. Ludwig drew a revolver and a bullet sent into the brain of the fish brought a victory for the fisher.

Fortune Favors A Texan.

"Having distressing pains in head, back "Having distressing pains in nead, back and Stomach, and being without appetite, I began to use Dr. King's New Life Pills." writes W. P. Whithead, of Kennedat, Tex. "and soon felt like a new man intallible in stomach and liver troubles.

MAMMOTH PIGEON-RANCH.

Where Ten Thousand of the Birds Are Housed and Cared For in Southern California.

the Arroyo Seco, or dry ditch (a how he spent many weary months ravine that extends from Los An- in the attempt to shoot an eagle, and geles to the Sierra Madre mountains at last ambushed so successfully some 14 miles away), and the Los that he actually touched the bird Angeles river (at this point 18 miles with his fingers. Having got so far from the sea) meet, is one of the he was content and let the engle go most curious exhibits of pigeon life free. It may be a hunter's tale; but ever presented to the eye. Here 10,- there are at present a very consid-000 pigeons, mostly light in color, erable number of sportsmen who are are found perched upon the roofs a great deal keener to see their of eight frame sheds. The walls of game at close quarters than to kill these sheds are composed of hun- it, says the London Globe. Instead dreds of empty gasoline cans, with of the old phrase: "Let us go and one of the ends taken out and wood- kill something," the hunter now en boards with apertures large says: "Let us go and focus some-enough for pigeons substituted, and thing." The camera has supplanted thousands of wooden fruit boxes fur- the gun. There are now made all nished with square openings. The manner of devices, more ingenious ground is generally covered with and intricate even than the older pigeons until a stranger arrives, trappers devised, for getting the when there is a great whirring noise, camera to bear on unsuspecting anithe air is full of wings and thou- mals. A boat, resembling a little the sands of pigeons return to their duck sacoting boats used on the brethren on the roofs of the sheds, Irish coast, has been devised, which says Pearson's. Los Angeles' enterprising citizens apparatus rigged up in the hows. and forms a great attraction to vis- There are other not less clever

about 200 feet from each other. chains to spikes in the ground. But these, fierce as they are, do

the defense from thieves of the 10 .- ive than those of shooting it. 000 pigeons; two young dogs, trained to bark and not to bite, are on duty also all the time; these are more sleepless and it is the uproar they make upon which the owner so much depends for the discovery of the oiored thieves. Disease and rats take away a great many of this multitudinous bird population; daily some Ocean recently stated that the first auyoung pigeons will be found on the from the family nest.

JAMES TOOK A "PARILLA." The Old Quaker Innkeeper Wouldn't Give Him Any More of the

"Strong Stuff." The country immediately adjacent to Philadelphia is rich in quaint old taverns and inns, many of which have remained unchanged for a century or more. Each one of these has its own following, and it is quite the thing for the city patrons to get up dinner parties, ordering the dinner in advance, to secure good service.

The proprietor of one of the best known of these taverns, one much affected by the hunting set, is on old Quaker, who amid the incongruous surroundings of his bar still clings to the plain language of his faith. Occasionally he even dispenses liquid refreshments with his own hands, and it seems queer to hear his mild voice asking: "What will thee have?"

The other day there was a crowd in the bar, and one of the men had already been imbibing too freely. Nevertheless, he lined up at the bar with the others and loudly called for whisky. The old man looked at him se-"James, doesn't thee think thee has

had enough of the strong stuff? Thee had better take a 'parilla. There was no appeal, says the Phila delphia Record, and James drank a glass of sarsparilla.

A KINDERGARTEN CABINET.

The Fopular Name for England's Ad visers to Premier Balfour.

The new cabinet which Mr. Balfour nging into being has already foun-ular name in the appellation of " dergarten." Never before have ny young men been called upon to de erate on the destinies of British affair leprous with sin, will you let me lead s now. There has always oungster at the fore, some unusual clothes like Pitt or Charles James For but his exuberance has universally bee checked by the surrounding induspes of mature old age on the part of other mi-isters. But now! Why, we are rapid coming to a stage at which the responsib-Leprosy is to be found in the homes of the rich and the poor alike; in the his foot in it ever since.—Yonkers teeth, their hair and the rest of their men moral and obvsical faculties. for instance, is George Wyndham the Irish secretary, who has been accomcolated with a sent at the cabinet table Downing street. He is someone 4

ter. He is still in the thirties and a cab net minister. It is not many years ag-since the father appeared in the lobby of the House leading his promising offspring by the hand and pointing out to him the various parliamentary celebrities, such as

honorable second place in the fight for iblic recognition. Young Austen Chamberlain is the very eche of his father, in stature figure ges ture, facial expression and voice. He wears hot plain. Even more remarkable his monocle with the same distinguished are the "dust devils" seen by Mr. H. r as his father and completes the reser blance of never falling to appear on the floor of the House without the gorgeous orchid in his buttonhole-that same or chid which shares with the monocle the distinction of having become a Chamber Iribute.

Don't delay a minute. Cholera infantum, lysentery, diarrhoea come suddenly. Only afe plan is to have Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry always on hand.

In feature, the joy of the carleaturist and the shibboleth of the liberal unionists. He is intensely in earnest, is this young Chamberlan, a devoted worshipper of his wonderful father, a very glutton for work and a sticker for doing the right the har not succeeded. hing at all times. He has not succeeded in copying his father's habit of making rush on together." Some of these

> IT MUST HAVE BEEN. Miss Fisher-Now, what would you say

Miss Fisher (coyly)-How prompt are. You speak as if you had certain knowledge. Mr. Sharpe-Of course, I knew it was that-at one time.-Exchange,

Woman-"How much for children's pic tures?"
Photographer—"Ten shillings a dozen madam. Woman-"Why-er-yes; but I've go only nine."-Tit-Bits.

SPORTSMEN PHOTOGRAPHERS.

Quite a Number Who Have Relin. guished the Gun and Taken Up the Camera,

Situated at the sharp angle where In a recent book a hunter tell is propelled without oars or sails, This institution belongs to one of and has a beautiful photographic itors from all the country round, as means for approaching and photowell as to numerous colored thieves, graphing deer in their native haunts who make a continual practice of and they have been used with altorobbing this vast aggregation of gether remarkable success. Hupigeon roosts. Two large dogs prop- manitarians are already pointing out erly qualified to bark and bite are that this sport with the camera located at each end of the grounds, gives all the excitement of the chase without any of the cruelty; and at These are secured safely by long least this much may be conceded, that the difficulties of photographing, say, a weasel are considerably not represent the entire force for greater and therefore more attract-

> THE FIRST AUTOMOBILE. Civil War Soldier States That He Saw a Steam Carriage in Chicage

A contributor to the Chicago Inter

tomobile used in America was conground dead, having gone too far structed by a chicago man in 1884. He Allow me to say a steam vehicle was constructed by somebody and used in

Chicago 20 years earlier than this. The writer, while in camp at Camp Fry in 1864, which was located west of Clark street, about opposite what is now the northern portion of Lincoln park, had the pleasure of seeing this machine in operation. It came from the city and stopped long enough at the camp to give interested ones opportunity to examine it. After the lapse of 38 years I cannot describe it minutely, but I remember this: It was a four-wheeled vehicle, the motive power was steam, the boiler was of the upright plan and fixed near the rear axle. The seat was in front. The machine very much resembled the Inter Ocean's picture of Mr. Brown's second vehicle, with the exception the seat was reversed. The seat was occupied by two men. The vehicle started up Clark street at a ten-mile-an-hour gait and left about a score of soldiers discussing it. They did not call it automobile then, as that word was unknown to the public, but after mentioning several curious names, the majority agreed that it should be called a "son of a gun on wheels."

DIDN'T RECLAIM THE COIN.

Although the Had the Opportunity to Do So. Mrs. Stanford Die Not Repent.

Those who "pass the plate" in country churches are not often regaled with the glitter of gold among the contributions. It is related that about ten years ago Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stanford were traveling through the middle west incognito. They happened to be in Bloomington, Ind., one Sunday and pursuant to their usual custom went to church. They attended the Christian church of Bloomington, then largely in the hands of Amzl Atwater.

says the Chicago Chronicle. When the plate was passed for the collection Mrs. Stanford dropped in a ten-dollar gold piece. Mr. Atwater was the deacon in charge of the collection-taking. It was noticed that the ushers held a hurried conference with him when the money was taken forward. At its conclusion Mr. Atwater said: "Ladies and gentlemen there has evidently been a mistake. Some one has dropped a ten-dollar gold piece into the collection. If he will pass up after the services we will be glad to allow him to exchange it for the amount he intended to give." It is, of course, needless to say that Mrs. Stanford did not take advantage

of the opportunity. Death Valley Sand-Pillars Glodstone, Bright, Parnell, Lord Salisbury, Falfour and the ever faithful Jesse Collings, who now finally retires from Valley of California have described the wonderful contortions of the

sand-pillars that small whirlwinds sometimes send spinning across the are the "dust devils" seen by Mr. H. F. Witherby, the English explorer, in the valley of the White Nile Sometimes two of these whirling columns, gyrating in opposite directions, meet, "and if they be well matched the collision stops them and a struggle ensues as to which way they shall twist. Gradually one gains the mastery and the two combined begin to gyrate alike and then whirls will strip the clothes from an Arab's back, or twist a goat round and round like a top.

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Grant that Gen. McCullough is sure to be elected by the Legislature and what have the bolting republicans accomplished. They have not gained a single point for the il-cense cause for the license local option law that is to be presented to the people will framed and passed by the republican Legislature just as it would if there had been no bolt. They have helped the democrats and surging the proposed of the proposed of the license local option is will be of value to the farmers who understant of the people will framed and passed by the republican Legislature just as it would if there had been no bolt. They have helped the democrats amounced, increase release, etc. John of the presented to the proposed in the provisions, live stock and produce, build elevators and do a banking businers, shows how strong a hold the trust idea has taken on the public mind. It will be an interesting experiment, if carried out, and everybody will hope that the scheme will be of value to the farmers who understake it.—Leslie's Weekly.

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no bolt. They have helped the democrats amounced, increase reissue, etc. John C. elect a few State senators and some members of the bouse and with the help of the democrats a few of the bolters have been sent to the house. Rather a meagre reward for the weeks of work and the thousands of dollars spent by the bolters. They have, to be sure, achieved a little brief notoriety, but they can rest assured that af-ter the Clement boil of 1802 has long been other is set aside till few remain. These forgotten the old Republican and Democra- are not eaten with much relish, and are the parties will still be doing business at often so light as not to afford much nou-

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